

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3648 - SB 3531

March 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective July 1, 2010, establishes a procedural method to resolve disputes in a manner where the parties enter into an agreement to work together to reach resolution, represented by counsel. If the collaborative effort were to fail to reach a resolution, requires the collaborative attorneys to withdraw and prohibits such attorneys from representing either party in a legal proceeding.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill provides a method to resolve disputes out of court. Any settlement that is reached in these cases would still have to be filed and approved with a court. In some instances, courts may be called upon to settle discovery disputes or other types of disputes within the collaborative law process. Any decrease in the caseloads for the court system is estimated to be not significant.
- A small decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in reduced state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and reduced state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These reductions in expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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